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July 13, 2006 7:00 pm

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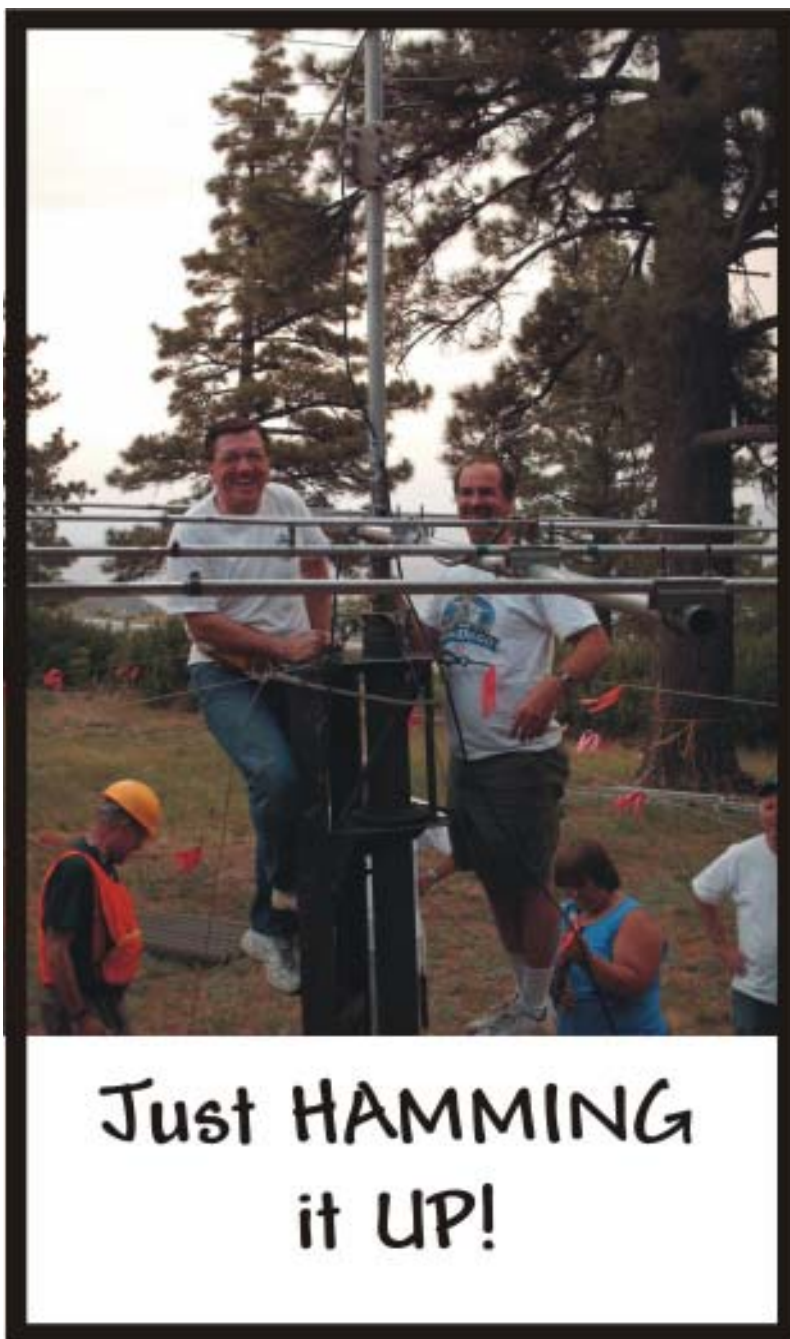
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July's meeting is FIELD DAY Slide Show

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## Pre-Registration

2006 ARRL Southwestern Convention  
At the web site [www.sandarc-conv2006.org](http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org)

## From The President

**Paul KC6QLS**



Wow, what a Field Day! I talked to everyone that stopped by, got them on a radio, and had them log the QSO's or help out with something. Everyone I talked to was having fun. For some it was their first Field Day, but most were seasoned veterans. It was nice to see that the new people were getting involved with setup and take down. You can tell that Ed planned the event; he had everything down to even the last PL-259. The setup went very smooth; everyone brought up radios, computers, network cards, hubs, antennas, cables, food, drinks and even a cat and dog. If we wanted to, we could have been a 10A station as we had more radios than we needed. It was good to have them as we did switch out a few rigs. We all know how important it is to have a back up rig or two.

The New A3S Tri-band antenna worked out super! Susan did a great job pre-building it, making a box to store it in and painting the connections for easy assembly. She plans to make more boxes for the other antennas.

As usual, the food was great and the carne asada was a hit. We could not have had nicer weather. While it was warm during the day, the evenings were comfortable. When we came back to the storage unit in Lakeside on Sunday afternoon, where the temperature was 110, everyone agreed that we really had great weather at Laguna! A big thank you to everyone who planned and participated in Field Day. With everyone working together the event was fun and successful. I am already looking forward to next years Field Day.

Paul KC6QLS  
President ARCEC

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July Silent Auction is for: SeaWorld2 Pack  
Tickets Valued at \$53.00 EACH  
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## Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting  
8 June 2006



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Paul Rios, KC6QLS at 1900hrs.

**SECRETARY'S:** Report as published in the Counterpoise was approved as published.

**TREASURER:** Susan, KF6WXA read her report. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

**PRESIDENT:** Paul Rios, KC6QLS announced that the club can help out at the convention by setting up the radio station and operating during convention hours. Mike, N6IEF is the chairman of the radio station for the convention. Paul announced that Tuck, NZ6T has suffered a massive heart attack and is still at the hospital. He is at Scripps La Jolla and would welcome telephone calls and visitors on a restricted basis.

**EDUCATION:** Committee member Gordon, AE6QW presented the class schedule for both the general and extra classes.

**THE PROGRAM** was presented by Ed, AI6O the field day chairman. Ed also noted that the camp site has added new modular cabins at \$65 per night. The regular cabins are still at \$22 a night. A software demonstration was given by Paul, KC6QLS for the logging software during Field Day. Anselmo, KD6PRV suggested that carne asada could be the main meal in addition to the steaks. There will also be hot dogs and hamburgers during the day along with soft drinks. Safety Officer Mike, N6OPH pointed out some of the safety issues that are incumbent with an event such as this one. Cal, KG6FBV is the winner of the silent auction. Paul, KC6QLS announced that he would be taking pictures of all of the club equipment for inventory and insurance purposes.

**SANDARC:** Report was given by Len, K5WFW. He stated that the budget for SANDARC has been approved. The convention report was also given.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Ann, KG6TBG reported 203 members and 29 members present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** Chairman Rich, N6NKJ reported on the Special Olympics. Eric Crosser resigned as the chairman of the Special Olympics and was replaced by Rich, N6NKJ on a temporary basis. We had 29 people work the Special Olympics during the weekend of 2-3 June 2006 at SDSU. There were several medical emergencies during the Special Olympics on Saturday. The 100 mile run in the Lake Hodges area is a scheduled event that will be needing operators. 22 October.

**NET MANAGER:** Mike, KG6TDP announced that there were 19 check-ins at the last WAMO net.

**PRIZE CHAIRMAN:** Carl, WA6PPG announced that the grand prize is an older model laptop computer for this evening's prize drawing.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting adjourned at 2057hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH  
Secretary  
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



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## From The Vice President AI6O ED



**CQ FIELD DAY!** That's the way it went for 24 hours straight between 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24th and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 25th.

Field Day 2006 for the ARCEC stands out as a glowing example of commitment, cooperation and camaraderie. It was truly a pleasure to serve as your Field Day chairman with such a great group of club members and friends. Thanks to all who worked and participated.

Setup on Friday morning went very smoothly from loading up at the storage unit in Lakeside to the setting up of the site at Al Bahr Shrine campgrounds. There were plenty of hands on deck and setting up the three towers went very smoothly. Special thanks, by the way, to Susan, George, and Cal for their prior work in getting the new A3S tri-band beam dialed in and marked. All stations (7A) were set up and we still had one HF rig as backup. Thanks to all who allowed us to use their rigs and equipment. Tear down and storage on Sunday afternoon went extraordinarily quickly and smoothly.

The food was fantastic and free! The accommodations were pleasant and relaxing! The fellowship was just outstanding! Attendances were up substantially from last year: Friday, 27 members, 1 visitor; Saturday, 30 members, 10 visitors; and Sunday, 25 members, 4 visitors. Total QSO contacts made 843. Total score was around 2356 points.

It was my privilege to serve along with President Paul Rios and Assistant/Safety Officer Mike Maston, and Social Chairman Anselmo Ruiz. FD06 was an overwhelming success because of each one who participated in any fashion. I'm ready for FD07!

Don't miss the PowerPoint recap of FD06 at the July meeting.

Straight ahead!

Ed, AI6O



### WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets

### WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights  
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:  
8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

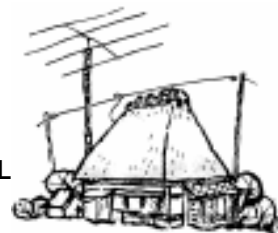
WA6BGS Repeaters

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RX 224.480 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.



WAMO means Worked All Members Only. The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.

### Club Attire

\*\*\*\*\* Shirts on hand. Call for Sizes \*\*\*\*\*

Get your jackets, hats and t-shirts.

Show off your club colors and let all know that the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is strong and growing.

Contact: K6PKS Paul Schmidt (619) 733-2284


## Calendar of Events July 2006

July	1:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
July	1:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
July	4:	4th of July
July	8:	ARES Meeting, 8:00 am
July	11:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
July	13:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
July	15:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
July	15:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
July	17:	Counterpoise Dead Line

### Upcoming Event Dates

Aug.	26:	Annual ARCEC Picnic
Sept.	22:	SW Convention 2006 Opens
Oct.	??:	Open House EL Fire Station 6
Nov.	9:	Home Brew Contest
Nov.	19:	Mother Goose Parade
Dec.	14:	Electons 2007 Officers
Dec.	??:	Radio Clause

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### ARCEC Membership Application

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3. First Name	4. Last Name
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11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

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Check ( )	Date Paid:

### Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

# FUN PAGE

## Birthdays July

July 1	WB6DTR	Alex	Groza
July 1	KF6YVL	Denise	Taylor
July 5	NZ6T	Tuck	Miller
July 7	AC6FM	Michael	Breaux
July 9	KI6DAP	Carter	Johnston
July 13	KF6SXZ	Marco	Thorne
July 13	KG6ZTN	Henk	Visser
July 13	K5ERS	Eliseo	Sisneros
July 15	KF6OZD	Wayne	Oliver
July 16	AD6ZM	Jack	Star
July 22	KF6WXA	Susan	Kochel
July 23	KF6WNX	Earl	Davis
July 25	N6LRV	Gary	Richardson
July 25	KO4QT	Steve	Weed
July 27	WA1ZEN	Tim	Ames
July 27	KR6RG	Roy	Gallagher
July 27	KE6ASP	Everett	Ratta
July 31	N6OPH	Mike	Maston
July 31	KE6GLM	Griff	Davies

Did I miss your Birthday or is yours next month?  
Your Birthday may not be on the Roster

E-mail me: [WA6BGScouterpoise@cox.net](mailto:WA6BGScouterpoise@cox.net)

## Jokes " MEDICAL DICTIONARY "

Artery.....	'...The study of paintings
Bacteria.....	Back door to cafeteria
Barium.....	What doctors do when patients die
Benign.....	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section.....	A neighbourhood in Rome
Catscan.....	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize.....	Made eye contact with her
Colic.....	A sheep dog
Coma.....	A punctuation mark
Dilate.....	To live long
Enema.....	Not a friend
Fester.....	Quicker than someone else
Fibula.....	A small lie
Impotent.....	Distinguished, well known
Labor Pain.....	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff.....	A Doctor's cane
Morbid.....	A higher offer
Nitrates.....	Cheaper than day rates
Node.....	I knew it
Outpatient.....	A person who has fainted
Pelvis.....	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative.....	A letter carrier Recovery

More Next Month Tom W5COM

## Word Search " July 4th "

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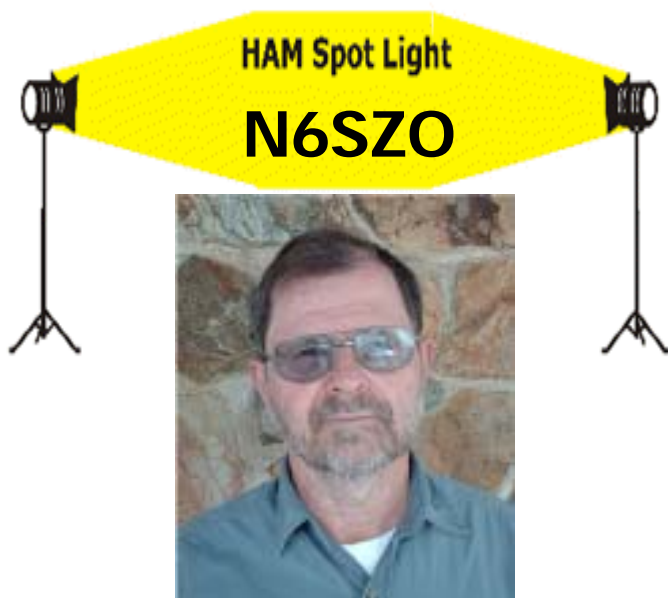
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## Last Months Word Search

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Joe Coronas N6SZO WAMO 1262 has been a member of the El Cajon Club for about 10 years. He is limited by antenna restrictions from HF but happy with his access to UHF and VHF and still uses the 220 MHz band quite a bit. He spent four years in the United States Air Force with a Civil Engineering Squadron as an E-5 when he completed his time, which was mostly spent at Vandenberg AFB and all over South East Asia. He came to San Diego in the 70's to attend college. He works for the City of San Diego as an Engineering Geologist, with the Environmental Services Department, working on projects like the Miramar Landfill. Hobbies, other than Ham Radio, include Photography and organizing Geology Field Trips for the SDSU Geology Alumni Association. His girlfriend, Felly KG6KLM, who also has earned her Ham Radio license, is also a member of the El Cajon Club. They are active in the San Diego T-Hunting group <http://www.sdthunters.com/> They also enjoy attending events like the recent Field Day 2006. Joe has attended every year since 1996 with the exception of last year.

Living in the Colorado/Sonoran Desert in Blythe, CA (a fairly isolated town in the middle of nowhere) for 20 years he felt that there must be a better way to communicate than with "Smoke Signals". His first experience with Amateur Radio was with a person that left the impression that it would take forever to become licensed so the idea was benched for many years. However, after exposure to a Mars Station while overseas and accidentally running into a Ham at Joshua Tree National Park, who provided a short demonstration with an HT, he became interested again and passed his Novice exam in 1984, Technician in 1986 and General in 1988. He found it useful in emergencies, and while in Moab, Utah a young woman went over the handlebars of her bike during a remote 100 mile 4-Wheel drive trail in Canyonlands National Park. Joe was able to contact a Ham in Moab at the local Radio Shack and he was able to relay the information to the Park Service and a

helicopter was sent out to Air-vac the woman to the hospital. The following year while in Moab he was able to find the same Ham that called in the incident and found out that the woman had a concussion and had recovered from the incident.

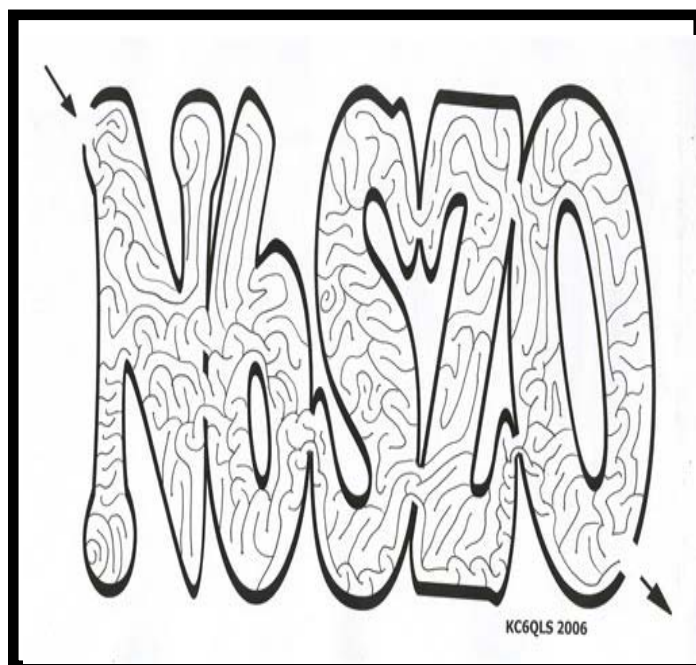
Joe has learned to value Amateur Radio as a worth while hobby and useful communication source not only during emergencies but while on vacation, hiking, biking and almost any other activity. There are many nice people to meet as well. He has been able to persuade others to obtain their license and join the ARCEC and would like to challenge others to help him in continuing the effort to expose others to Amateur Radio. Communications is an important link to technology, the community and people in general that needs to be maintained.

No longer just a voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on Joe Coronas N6SZO.

73!

Tassy Rios

## MAZE





The Editor's  
Corner  
KC6QLS Paul



Editor's Corner:

After Field Day, I have had some down time to think about the club and all the things we do, and I think we should have a separate e-mail address for the Counterpoise. The new address is [WA6BGScounterpoise@cox.net](mailto:WA6BGScounterpoise@cox.net). In the subject box please place your column name, editor, joke and/or what your e-mail is about. My mail box was getting full and sometimes it is hard to find the items for the Counterpoise.

With that said, please send me your thoughts about how to make the Counterpoise better. Should we cut back on the stories? Is it getting too long? Should we just leave it the way it is?

It has been brought up from time to time to go on line only, but we have some members that have a slow dial up or only have snail mail. Also, we would lose our Bulk Rate, and it would cost an arm and a leg to get it back.

Editor  
Paul KC6QLS

Public Relations

I worked on getting the media up to Field Day and had lots of input from two media individuals. I rewrote the press release and sent it to them. Unfortunately, I found out later that my e-mail stopped working; it said it was sent out, but 80% of the time it did not go. I have fixed the problem and now can send out all e-mails.

As Public Relations, I think Field Day was very successful. On Saturday we had 40 people up there working on radios, logging, cooking and most of all having fun. We have booked the lodge for next year, so the plans for the next Field Day are well under way.

I will work on sending our Field Day story to ARRL and QST. Please send me your thoughts and stories about your Field Day experience, and I will compile them into a story. Also, please send me three or four photos to go along your story.

Paul KC6QLS

# Volunteers Needed

Open House EL Fire Station 6  
Mother Goose Parade  
Radio Clause

Please Sign up at the next meeting

## NEW E-Mail

Address for the Counterpoise. Please submit all *Counterpoise* Mail to:  
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## Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. To Help, contact WA6PPG Carl Ferree at 328-2694 e-mail at [cferree@IEEE.ORG](mailto:cferree@IEEE.ORG)

## Things to keep in mind

*Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector*

*To sign up visit:*

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/elcajonarc/>

You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

## Quote of the Month

*"That which is grows, while that which is not becomes."*

- Galen, *Ibid*

### SANTEE DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET

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FOR INFORMATION, CALL 449-SWAP  
Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics  
ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS  
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month  
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM



# Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ



## The Abbott TR-4

Abbott Laboratories, in era just before WW2, started manufacturing a 2 meter AM transceiver that was very economical and popular. OH, it was the 2 ½ meter band back then, around 112 MC. Many Hams purchased these, and got on the air for local communications. The TR-4 was about the only commercial radio available; most Hams had to build their own to get on 2 ½! The TR-4 was preceded by Abbott's DK-3 and MRT-2, far less versatile units. Few if any of those survived. But there seems to be lots of TR-4s still out there, as evidenced by Photo 1. Notice that there are SIX TR-4s in the Crest Radio Museum. Why 6? OH, I better not speak about my 16 Heathkit Twoers (Another month's topic)

As the war began, the TR-4 found a new use. The Government had banned all Ham Radio, but still needed some Civil Defense communications if the mainland was attacked.

They came up with W.E.R.S. (War Emergency Radio Service) and the primary band was 2 ½ meters. Surprise! There were LOTS of Abbott TR-4s out there, and more being made by Abbott, who worked away through the war. These worked great, and after the war, when the band was moved to 144-148 MC, the Abbotts were back in action! So popular they were that Abbott came out with the TR-4A and TR-4B, which had an Acorn tube in the receiver section for better sensitivity (and because so many of those were available as War Surplus).

TR-4 s came without tubes or Power Supplies. That's why I haven't fired mine up. The last one came with a homebrew Supply so I can reproduce that to make a pair work. OH, the FCC wouldn't have much humor about me putting these on the air. For the TR-4 uses a Modulated Oscillator. Have to come up with a Carbon mike too. The Tube compliment is (Seen in Photo 2, from the left) HY-615 (Rx Regenerative detector), 7F6 Local (Low level audio), 6Y6 (Audio Power Amp), and the HY-75 Modulated Oscillator. The TR-4 uses independent RX and TX Tuning, and has a built in Speaker.

Photo 3 shows the stark under chassis. Not much there. Note no Coax connector! The antenna was connected to the 2 standoffs at the top left. Hams were expected to build their own Power Supplies from the sketchy data given in the manual. Many Hams made mobile supplies and used them from cars, or portable.

The TR-4 disappeared in the late 40s when Abbott went belly up or was bought out. I have been unable to find out just where they went or what happened, but the latest TR-4 found is about 1947 or so. Another wonderful and successful Ham manufacturer disappears! But the memory of the great ABBOTT TR-4 will live on, in the Crest Radio Museum

## 73 WA6MHZ



# Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul

## "ARRL President Hainie KC1H Announces Retirement"

Turmoil and change have shaken the ranks of our hobby in recent years. Controversy over incentive licensing, the role of the code, and concern over the dwindling ranks of our hobby have caused angst and sown the seeds of division among hams, young and old. Now, with the spring of renewal in Cycle 23 upon us, it is time for a healing catharsis for our hobby, with "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul".

The end of an era drew to a close on Tuesday at ARRL headquarters in Newington, Connecticut with the announcement that long-time League President Jim Hainie KC1H is stepping down. Hainie, one of the most popular League Presidents in recent years, was well thought of by ARRL Ham members who often refer to an emotional "connection" with the mild mannered, folksy Hainie.

The personal appeal of Hainie was not without its downside. Throughout his term, Hainie struggled with a perception that he was somehow connected with the long-running television series "Green Acres" and inferences that the League President's operating methods somehow resembled the show's "Mr. Eustace Hainie" character, a country-bumpkin huckster played by Pat Buttram, always pitching a deal to the show's star character Oliver Douglas, played by Eddie Albert. The connection started at a League Board of Directors meeting where Hainie, with his folksy, southern drawl, addressed the board Chairman, then William J. Douglas W1DUG, as "Mr. Douglas". Douglas prefaced his response with "Yes, Mr. Hainie..." The exchange drew laughter from the normally staid board and was a source of comic relief for years at League board meetings and within headquarters staff. Among Ham rank and file, the connection with the "Green Acres" show stuck.

The Green Acres television show, now in syndication, starred Eddie Albert as a New York lawyer who bought a run-down, 160 acre farm in the mythical community of Hooterville. A resemblance to the conservatively run ARRL Newington, Connecticut headquarters would seem unlikely. However, there were many strange coincidences with the television show which seemed to come to the forefront during Hainie's tenure as President. One of ARRL's Technical Services Directors Arnold Ziffle W3PIG, coincidentally had the

same name as an animal character "Arnold the Pig", on the show. Even today, many who grew up with the "Green Acres" show can vividly recall the ruddy, handsome good looks of Arnold Ziffle, played by a series of animal actors. However, up until the time of his retirement from the League, Technical Director Ziffle denied any connection with the fictitious television family.

The irony of this false impression was not lost on the League board, as Hainie's tenure at ARRL was regarded as effective, guiding the ARRL through a period of tumultuous and controversial issues, and bringing financial accountability to the organization. Well-educated and public relations-minded, President Hainie brought a no-nonsense approach to the League, but like all League Presidents, had his peculiarities. For example, headquarters staffers quietly complained about the use of hay bales for additional seating at the W1AW operating position. And, in 2003, when goats were introduced to keep weeds down around one of the ground-mounted transmitting antennas at W1AW, talk of the "Green Acres" connection went through a renewal.

Throughout his tenure, Hainie relished the "pitch man" role, repeatedly becoming personally involved in ARRL fundraising efforts, directed at an aging Ham population with disposable income and a willingness to support Ham causes. Similarities to the *Mr. Hainie* character were inevitable. Hainie was an accomplished manager of the one-liner. In personal appearances at League exhibits at Ham conventions, he would typically introduce himself with the line "Howdy, folks. I'm Jim Hainie, President of the ARRL and I'll eat a bug if you renew your membership." The resemblance to the *Mr. Hainie* character was unmistakable to many.

On another occasion, Hainie referenced the passing of a silent key to an unidentified Ham. The Ham remarked that the Silent Key couldn't be dead. To which Hainie responded that he had personally attended his funeral. When the Ham absent-mindedly remarked "Are you sure?" To which the quick-witted Hainie deadpanned "I don't know what you all do in Newington, but where I'm from, we don't give a man a funeral unless we're pretty sure he needs one".

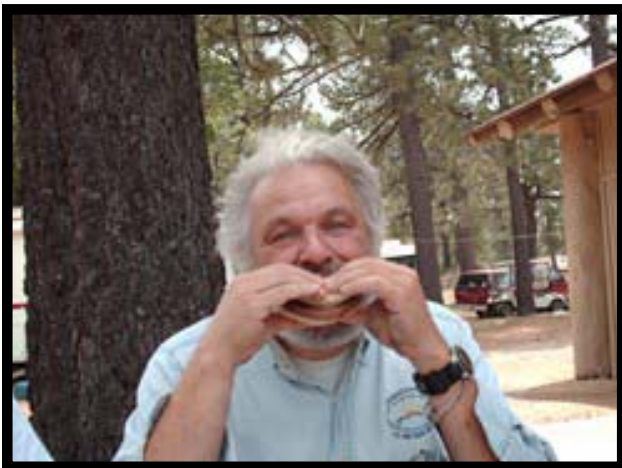
In a recent QST editorial, editor David Sleeper WA1ZZZ spoke for all Hams when he stated that Hainie had earned the gratitude of every Ham who enjoys the hobby. Hainie's tireless work on behalf of the hobby during difficult times had insured that Ham Radio will continue to enjoy a bright future.

"Morris Code AZ6CW"

## Field Day Photos



Visitor Kris Eyer KG6IZW & Joe



Stogie With his LIVE Cow Burger



Lisie and Steve Weed on 80 meters

## To All Members ARCEC & ARES

I have been asked by Mitch Mitchell, K6BK, the ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, to be the Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, and I have accepted his offer.

We now need someone to take on the job of District Emergency Coordinator for the Eastern District. I hope someone will volunteer for this vital job, so I do not have to be the Assistant SEC, the California Department of Forestry Coordinator, and the Special Olympics Coordinator. I would like to see someone from this club take over this job, which I have held on and off for a very long time. When I started out in ARES, I knew nothing about ARES or emergency communications. I had on the job training, but if you take the job, I will be there to help you learn the ropes.

I also want to take the time to thank ALL OF YOU who have and continue to make my job easier by coming out and helping with all the public service events, drills, and of course the real disaster, the Cedar fire. So to all of those who have helped me out over the almost 18 years I have been in ARES, THANK YOU, THANK YOU and THANK YOU.

Rich, N6NKJ

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Lots more Photos on our Web Site!



Forrest came up to work a radio or two!



## The A.R.E.S Connection

From Rich, N6NKJ



Hello to all,

The last few days, as you know, have been very humid and hot. So that means summer is here and the weather is going to be hot and very dry, so PLEASE BE CAREFUL with any fires you may need to start while camping.

Again this 4th of July, while many of you will be enjoying the beach, the fair, or a trip to Julian, many of us will be out on patrol for the CDF & FP, which stands for California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention. Each year, a lot of very dedicated ham radio operators give up most of their day on the 4th to make sure our county is safe from fires, many of them have been doing this as long as I have, some even longer. This is just one of the many programs that Amateur Radio Emergency Services is involved with. And believe me, WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Although ARES is one of the main groups who tries to get operators to go out on patrol, there is one other group that also is a big help in providing operators for the Red Flag Patrols and that group is REACT; yes, REACT. They have many members who are also ham radio operators, and they have really been a big help in the past two or three years by helping out with the patrols. One of these people who I work with is George Gross, KG6IDE. He is the man I contact when I need people for any reason. George has been with REACT for quite some time and has become a very good friend to me. So thank you George for your help.

Many of you might feel that you must belong to one or the other groups to participate in the Red Flag Patrols, but this not the case. Any one who holds a tech license or higher can come out and join us.

BUT! There is some training that you need before you can go out on these patrols.

I will continue this in next month's article. PLEASE! Let all of us take a few moments out of our day of fun on the 4th of July to remember the great sacrifices the men and women of our military have made and continue to make, so we can enjoy the freedom we have in this wonderful country we call the USA!

And if you see someone in a uniform of our military on this 4th, why not say THANK YOU and shake his or her hand.

Rich, N6NKJ

## Welcome Visitors and Members



Visitors Sharon & David Gladding



Misty K9DAWG "Steve Weed's Dog"

### Visitors at Field Day 06

Zach Scelso; Kris Eyer, KG6IZW; Dolores Kott; Ronald Johnson, KK6I; Charlels Wilber, N1AOR; Nan Barker, KD5OAN; Chad Barker; Mark Robinson, KG6PSK; David Gladding, KI6CTJ; Sharon Gladding, KI6CTI; Daniel Oberbauer; Brian McDaniel, WB2JCG; Jacob Doyle; and Misty, K9DAWG.

### Welcome Back

Joni Cranmore, KF6MPB, Past Membership Chair

### Welcome visitors at our June meeting

Matt Lunati, N6OEI; Marian Lunati, KG6IEB; Bob Scott; Floyd Lang, KI6DUU; Alexandra Lang; Samantha Lang; John Doyle.

Thank you to all members who have renewed. Please check the mailing label on your Counterpoise. If your membership has expired, please take a moment to complete and return the Renewal Application located within this Counterpoise.

73 Ann, KC6TBG

## More Field Day Photos



**Bridget's KI6EEL, first HF Contact!**



**The NEW A3S "Hurry up The Band is OPEN!"**



**Bill Cooking the food!**



**Joe and Roy working on 20 meters**



**Mike KG6TDP Running the WAMO Net**



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